

BOROUGH OF SOUTHWOLD

ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE

HEALTH

OF THE

BOROUGH

FOR THE YEAR 1960.



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To:       The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of  
          the Borough of Southwold.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure of presenting the Annual Report on the Health of the Borough for the year 1960.

The birth rate for the year is slightly lower than for the previous year and is, of course, well below the national figure. The death rate is lower than previous years and is also well below the national figure, which is a very favourable trend.

The main causes of death continues to be diseases of the heart and circulatory system, with malignant diseases taking second place.

Apart from measles, the Borough was very free from infectious disease. There was a widespread epidemic of measles throughout this part of the county and this was responsible for the number of cases recorded within the Borough.

Immunisation against poliomyelitis was provided by the public health authorities and the family doctors throughout the year. Public response was inclined to be slow, no doubt due to the freedom of the area from polio throughout the year.

Immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and smallpox have all continued throughout the year, either by the family doctor or at the infant welfare centre. Response to these continues to be good.

I would refer you to the Public Health Inspector's report for details of the Sanitary work carried out during the year. Negotiations regarding the improvement of the sewerage system have taken a good step forward during the year and several of the outstanding difficulties of the proposed schemes have been resolved.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you, Mr. Mayor and Members of the Council, for your support during the year.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR C. GEE.

Medical Officer of Health.







GENERAL STATISTICS.

Registrar-General's estimated population (mid 1960) ..... 2,370  
 Number of inhabited houses as at 31st. December, 1960 ... 1,293  
 Rateable value as at 31st. December, 1960 .....£41,959

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
LIVE BIRTHS	Legitimate	7	5	12
	Illegitimate	-	2	2
		<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>14</u>
		<u>Southwold</u>	<u>Comparative figure</u> <u>for England &amp; Wales.</u>	
BIRTH RATE per 1,000 estimated		5.9 (Unadjusted)		
resident population		8.9 (Adjusted)	17.1	
STILLBIRTHS		Nil		
DEATH RATE per 1,000 estimated		14.3 (Unadjusted)		
resident population		8.8 (Adjusted)	11.5	
DEATH OF INFANTS under				
ONE YEAR of age		Nil		
DEATHS OF INFANTS under				
FOUR WEEKS of age		Nil		
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ONE WEEK of age		Nil		

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant neoplasm; stomach	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm; lung	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm; uterus	-	1	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	2	3	5
Leukaemia	-	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	2	4
Coronary disease, angina	5	6	11
Other heart disease	1	2	3
Other circulatory disease	2	2	4
Pneumonia	-	1	1
Other defined & ill-defined diseases	1	-	1







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Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-
All other accidents	-	1	1
	<u>14</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>34</u>

COMPARATIVE TABLE FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1956</u>
Population	2370	2370	2380	2400	2410
Births	14	17	15	20	27
Birth rate per 1,000 (Unadjusted)	5.9	7.2	6.3	8.3	11.2
(Adjusted)	8.9	10.8	9.5	12.6	17.0
Deaths	34	36	38	42	36
Death rate per 1,000 (Unadjusted)	14.3	15.2	16	17.5	14.9
(Adjusted)	8.8	9.1	10	10.7	9.3

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following table shows the number of cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year, with a comparison of previous years:-

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1957</u>
Measles	30	5	45	12
Pneumonia	10	12	12	11
Whooping Cough	1	-	30	3
Dysentery	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	-	2	-	1
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	3
Polio-myelitis	-	-	-	1
Erysipelas	-	-	1	-
Malaria	-	-	1	-







MIDWIFERY AND HOME NURSING.

The midwifery and home nursing service continued unchanged, both services being covered by Miss A. Flowerdew.

Midwifery.

<u>Deliveries</u>	<u>Midwifery Nursings</u>	<u>Ante-Natal Visits</u>
7	219	74

Home Nursing.

<u>New Patients</u>	<u>New Patients over 65 years.</u>	<u>Visits.</u>	<u>Visits to Patients over 65 years.</u>
53	38	1,314	976

HEALTH VISITING.

Miss M.C. Edwards, Health Visitor, left the area in March for work in Germany. No new appointment was made during the year but the Infant Welfare Centre was kept active by Miss B. Broughton, the Health Visitor from the Beccles area.

HOME HELP SERVICE.

The Home Help Service in the Borough continues to increase, 17 cases having been provided with a total of 5,871 hours. Most of this help was to old people, some 14 of whom have been receiving help for quite a long period. This help does enable these old folk to continue living in their own homes, which is far preferable to moving them into institutional type accommodation.



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TUBERCULOSIS.

	<u>MALES.</u>		<u>FEMALES.</u>		
	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pul.</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pul.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Number of cases on the Register at 31st Dec. 1959	4	-	4	1	9
Number of cases added during the year	1	-	-	-	1
Number of cases removed during the year	1	-	-	-	1
Number of cases on the Register at 31st. Dec 1960	4	-	4	1	9

Cases Added to the Register.

New notifications - Nil.

Inward transfers - 1

Cases Removed from the Register.

Recovered - Nil

Died - 1

Removed to other areas - Nil







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FOR THE YEAR 1960.

To: The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of  
the Borough of Southwold.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present this Annual Report on the Sanitary Administration of the Borough and the work done during the year 1960.

WATER SUPPLY.

A wholesome and sufficient supply of water for all requirements has been maintained throughout the year by the Southwold Waterworks Company Limited. 9 samples taken during the year have been satisfactory.

RAINFALL.

During the year the rainfall as recorded at our Ferry Road Station was 34.41 in. The highest daily record being 2.00 in. There were 185 days without rain and 181 wet days.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE.

The main sewerage scheme has worked reasonably well. The major works envisaged in the joint scheme for a new sewage disposal works capable of dealing with the sewage of Southwold and parts of Reydon and Walberswick are still receiving careful consideration and progress has been made in the discussions over various technical details.

All drains are examined before being covered and smoke and water tests applied where applicable. Fourteen new houses were connected to the sewers.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

Due to acts of vandalism and misuse the public conveniences in the district were the source of complaint, particularly during the visiting season, and every effort was made to alleviate nuisances arising therefrom.

HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The house refuse collection service is now provided by the Council. All house refuse is tipped and kept under control at our tip situate near the Gasometer works. This site is nearing the time when some extension will be necessary.







SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING 1960 (including Dwellingshouses).

During the year 428 premises were visited, of which 209 were dwellingshouses and 219 various other premises.

In the course of these inspections 155 defects or nuisances were found and 131 were abated. To secure the abatement of these defects and nuisances 121 informal notices were served upon the owners or agents concerned, in addition to personal interviews by the Public Health Inspector.

SHOP ACT, 1950: SECTION 38.

There are 95 shops in the district which are visited periodically, and there have been no contraventions.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Number of factory chimneys in the district	3
" " observations taken	14
" " legal proceedings taken	0

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 to 1959.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	21	33	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	14	24	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	6	10	Nil	Nil
<u>TOTAL</u>	41	67	Nil	Nil







Factories Acts 1937 to 1959 (Contd).

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found		Referred To H.M. By H.M. Inspector Inspector		Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	(4)	(5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S .4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL</u>	3	3	-	-	-







## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

### Meat Inspection.

No slaughtering takes place within the district, but the Public Health Inspector assists the Lothingland Rural District Council by inspecting all animals slaughtered at a slaughterhouse situated at Reydon.

### Other Foods Inspection.

The following tinned foods were inspected, condemned and destroyed being unfit for human consumption:-

1 tin	Corned Beef	6 lbs	
3 tins	Prawns	24 lbs	
1 tin	Sheeps Livers	6 lbs	11 ozs
2 tins	Chopped Pork	9 lbs	
1 tin	Carrots	6 lbs	6 ozs
24 tins	Artichoke hearts	21 lbs	
1 carton	Dried Prunes	30 lbs	
<u>Total Weight</u>		<u>103 lbs</u>	<u>1 ozs</u>

### Food Premises.

No. of premises	59
No. of inspections made	47
No. of premises found unsatisfactory	3
No. rendered satisfactory	3

No. of Premises registered under Sect. 16 Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

Ice Cream - Manufacture	0
Ice Cream - Storage or sale only	14
Sausages, preserved foods, &c.	4

## DAIRIES AND RETAIL PURVEYORS OF MILK.

There are two local dairies which are periodically inspected and are kept under good conditions.

Dealers licences authorising the use of special Designations of Milk as follows - Tuberculin Tested (2) Tuberculin Tested Pasteurised (1), Pasteurised (1), were issued.

## CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS AND BAKERIES.

These have been found to be satisfactory.







RODENT CONTROL - PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Prevalence of Rats and Mice.

Type of Property.	Total.	Notified by		Recorded.	Rats Major.	Rats Minor.	Mice Only.
		Occupier	Other-wise.				
Local Authority	3	-	3	2	2	-	-
Dwellinghouses	1026	57	106	57	-	57	-
Business	273	9	63	2	-	2	-
Agricultural	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL</u>	1299	66	172	61	2	59	-

Measures of Control by Local Authority.

Type of Property.	Number Inspected.	Number of Inspections.	Number of Notices Served, Section 4.	
			Treatments.	Works.
Local Authority	3	21	0	0
Dwellinghouses	163	184	0	0
Business	72	81	0	0
Agricultural	0	0	0	0
<u>TOTAL</u>	238	286	0	0

Type of Property.	Number of Treatments carried out				Block treatment of properties in different occupancies under Sect. 6(1) or by informal arrangements		
	By arrangement with owner.		Under Section 5(1)		No. of Surface Associated Sewers		
	Rats	Mice only.	Rats	Mice only.	Blocks.	No. of separate occupancies.	No. of manholes treated.
Local Authority	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dwellinghouses	57	0	0	0	1	12	3
Business	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agricultural	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>TOTAL</u>	65	0	0	0	1	12	3







HOUSING.

New Houses.

No. of new houses erected by Local Authority	6
No. of new houses erected by private enterprise	8
No. of houses demolished by informal action	Nil
No. of families rehoused from unfit houses	Nil

Improvement Grants.

No. of Improvement Grants approved during the year.

Discretionary - 8      Standard - 2.

Disinfections, &c.

No. of Premises disinfected	2
No. of Premises disinfested	1

Moveable Dwellings.

No. of sites licensed - 1	No. of individual licences - Nil.
No. of inspections - 45	
No. of Moveable Dwellings	(a) for holiday use      100
	(b) residential use      NONE.

G.OAKES.

Public Health Inspector.

September, 1961.











